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Yellowstone National Park is a name familiar, not only to everybody in the United States, but its fame is recognized throughout the world. Asked to name the "First Wonder of America" (and there are scores of them we all know) nine travelers out of ten would, without hesitation, reply Yellowstone National Park. Here is a region unique among the scenic regions of the world, because, in addition to the attractions that are found in other resorts, it has to offer the most wonderful of all natural phenomena known to scientists, the geysers. Their numbers run into the hundreds and comprise the finest and best examples of eruptive hot springs in the world. They are scattered everywhere, covering a broad plateau which forms the floor of the Park, the most noted, however, being grouped in the "geyser basins."

It seems incredible, that nature could be so lavish in the gifts she has bestowed and nothing men have written can give a true picture of the overwhelming sensation experienced by a first sight of the many beautiful and curious sights to be found in the area embraced by the Park. Among the hundreds of thousands of visitors who have been favored with the opportunity of a trip to the Park, it is doubtful if one could be found who would say he was disappointed. On the contrary, with rare exceptions, the general scenic wonders revealed by a trip through this wonderland are far beyond the travelers expectations.

In this book, the principal scenic features of the Park have been selected and the publishers have tried to reproduce them in color effect as near as the camera of the photographer, and the skill of the artist is able to do. No claim is made that the art of color printing has made it possible to perfectly reproduce the vivid colorings and general scenic effects of this region, but, rather, it is our endeavor to convey an idea of what the scenery is, and try and create in those, who have not been fortunate enough to visit Yellowstone Park, a desire to see this beautiful spot; and, also, to give those travelers who have seen the Park, an opportunity to send their friends an illustration of what they have seen.

The Park lies partly in Montana, and partly in Idaho, but mostly in Wyoming. It is situated on an elevated pleateau surrounded by mountains, and has an elevation of about seven thousand five hundred feet, above sea level. It comprises an area of three thousand three hundred and twelve square miles.

The first white man to enter the Park was John Colter of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, who passed through the eastern part in 1807. Warren A. Ferris saw the geysers in 1834, and wrote the first published account of them.

The region was made a National Park in 1872. It is the oldest and largest National Park. The Government has entire control of the Park, the superintendent being a United States army officer. Within recent years the Government has spent vast sums for improvements of all kinds.

There are several routes that the Park may be entered, one of the most traveled being via Gardener, Montana, through the famous arch gateway recently erected by the Government. Many enter the Park through the western entrance at Yellowstone, Montana, and others choose the route that leads from Cody, Wyoming, through the beautiful Shoshone Canyon. Each route has its special attractions.

Even the most timid need not fear having to encounter hardships in making a trip through the Park as the tour is made thoroughly comfortable by the unexcelled hotels, which are scattered at convenient intervals. These hotels are all charmingly located and within easy access of the most interesting features of the Park.

The Park is the greatest game preserve in America. Buffalo, elk, and deer are found, and on the mountain tops are many bighorn sheep and antelope. The beaver finds a home in the valleys and streams and fur bearing animals frolic everywhere in the open. The Park bears are famous and it is a common sight to see a group of bears within easy walking distance of any of the large hotels. Fish, in limitless numbers, inhabit the lakes and streams, and the region is truly a fisherman's paradise.

The drives of the Park have been located with a view of developing the best scenic features. The regular tourist route aggregates one hundred and forty-three miles of travel. No railways of any sort are allowed and automobiles and motorcycles are not permitted. This fact has brought into service one of the most romantic and picturesque attractions of the Park, the modern stage coaches, that make all points of interest on regular schedules.

The streams and valleys found in this Park, rival in beauty, those of any of the resorts of the world. Besides the mysterious geysers, are the hot springs, painted terraces, sulphur hills, and not the least, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, with its riot of colors and waterfalls that defy an adequate description.

Anyone wishing general information regarding a trip to the Park may safely address himself to anyone of the firms who are selling this book, or the publishers, direct.

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